

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3733**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0025-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Fredéric SGIER et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/766,911)	Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.
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Filed: January 30, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 4613
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For: VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS DEVICE)	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended through January 5, 2009 (January 3 being a Saturday) by the petition for extension of time (one month) and fee filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are included in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.